

BIG FIRE IN MANCHESTER

Gill Brothers' Wood Yard Partially Destroyed Last Night.

HAVE NO MORE COUNCILMEN

Common Council Decides That Present Membership Is Sufficient—Miss Risby Found.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, Jan. 8.—The fire in the Gill Brothers' wood yard, at Ninth and McDonough streets, was partially destroyed by fire last night from 11 to 12 o'clock.

The origin of the fire is not known. It was discovered by a colored man named Jim White, who did heroic work in getting the horses and mules out of the place.

Owing to the lateness of the hour and the deserted condition of the streets, the flames had gained considerable headway before the alarm was turned in. Then the department lost no time in setting to the scene. Chief Crook was at the house and ran to the fire in his shirt sleeves. Firemen Smith and Cotton were the first to reach the fire, and it was but a few moments before the fire was under control.

Mr. W. E. Gill said last night that he thought from a cursory view of the fire, \$2,000 would cover the loss.

Besides about 150 cords of wood, an engine and two comparatively new saws were burned or badly damaged.

At the time of the fire Mr. Gill was on the street in a cab. He was en route to the office of the City Council and the fire was not noticed until it was too late to do anything but look on.

"It looks like my home," he said, "but I can't think it is."

At that moment some one came up and said it was Gill's wood yard, and Mr. Gill made 2:40 tracks to the scene.

A large crowd of citizens gathered to see the fire, and several of the business places closed so that those on hand could go to the fire.

Mr. Gill was very complimentary in his praise of the work of the fire department.

The fire delayed street car traffic for some time, as a hose had to be stretched across the Perry Street car tracks.

COUNCIL MEETING. The lower branch of the City Council met in regular session last night.

The matter of public importance transacted was the turning down of the resolution from the Board increasing the membership of the lower branch of the City Council from four to six.

The Board to twelve, three from each ward.

The general understanding was that the Constitution and acts of the Assembly provided for such an increase, and upon this the board passed a resolution providing for an ordinance making that increase.

The laws mentioned say that cities of the size and importance of Manchester shall have two bodies in the City Council, the lower to be composed of not less than four members, and the upper branch not less than eight.

At present the lower branch numbers twelve and the upper eight.

City Attorney Page, after having conferred with Judge Clifton, said that, in his opinion, the Constitution did not require the City Council to embrace cities in the class with Manchester in the provision.

Upon this opinion the Council voted not to increase its membership and the resolution from the Board was not carried.

Reports from the various committees were received and the body adjourned.

The Finance Committee, at its next meeting, will begin work on the budget for the year. It is likely that an extra meeting of this committee will be called.

SUSPENSE ENDED. After several days' awful suspense on the part of her relatives, Miss Lottie Risby was located yesterday.

She is the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Risby, of Giles, Chesterfield county. Last Tuesday she disappeared from her home, and searching parties went out, with the fear that she had either met with foul play or an accident.

She was found yesterday, well and sound, at the residence of a friend of the family, upon whom she had called to spend a few days.

DALMO CLAN. Manchester will have the honor of having in its midst the first branch of the Arabian Clan organized in Virginia.

On Monday night, after the regular meeting of the Juniors, the Dalmo Clan of the Arabian Clan, No. 123, will be instituted, at Odd-Fellows Hall.

This organization is an auxiliary, and is calculated to spread a few hours of pleasure around those who become members.

EXCELSIOR LODGE. Excelsior Lodge, No. 181, B. R. C. of A., had a large meeting last night, when eight new members were initiated, and several propositions were made. Past Chief Carman G. A. Meredith installed officers. The lodge then held a smoker. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, and the order at large now numbers over thirty thousand, and lodges are being formed daily.

Olympia Club will meet to-night at their rooms over Moore & Burke's, at which time the regular business of the club will be transacted, and a smoker will be enjoyed.

PERSONAL AND NOTES. Rev. Dr. H. C. Combs, financial secretary of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society, will preach at Cowardin Avenue Christian Church Sunday.

William Atkins and Sam Williams were sent to jail as vagrants by Judge Cheate, here yesterday.

Olio Longworth was fined \$5 by Mayor Maurice yesterday for shooting an air rifle at Harvey's.

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PASQUA TO BE INSTALLED. Rev. Landon Green will be installed a pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. W. Criffin will preside at the exercises.

The Spirit of Winter. The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshines and gleaming snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms.

To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse for rheumatism twinges harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of sore throat are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of this ailment. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

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Rev. W. W. Sisk will deliver the charge to the church, Mr. J. E. Hephurn, of Fulton, will charge the new pastor, Rev. E. V. Baldy will welcome the pastor, and others to take part will be Revs. R. B. Beedles and C. O. Woodward.

HENDERSON LODGE. The officers for the term have been installed in this lodge of Odd-Fellows by District Deputy Grand Master John W. Driver, assisted by Past Grand, C. S. Wells and Past Grand G. W. Blankenship. They are: Noble Grand, J. H. McHugh; Vice-Grand, T. B. Morton; Secretary, Matthews; Treasurer, O. J. Hurler; and W. M. Hurler.

MARKHAM; CHAPMAN, J. W. Crase. Mr. A. J. Condey, a well-known Chesterfield farmer, of Clover Hill, was attacked by one of his cows early yesterday morning and was painfully bruised, besides suffering an injury to his left eye.

He came to Manchester to be treated, and there learned of the death of his daughter-in-law, William S. Condey, in Birmingham. She was formerly Miss Mayme Ellis, sister of William and Clifford Ellis of Richmond.

PERISHED UNDER ICE. John Dobson Victim to Canal.

Ever Waiting Death Trap. The body of John Dobson, a puddler of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, was found in the canal near the Byrd Street bridge yesterday morning. Evidently the poor man had fallen in the ice-covered stream and was unable to get out.

Conder Taylor did not deem an inquest necessary, and the body will be buried today, deceased was about thirty years of age and unmarried. His mother is living, however, at the foot of Ninth Street.

Illustrated Picture Story. Dr. D. M. Hazlett, of St. Louis, Mo., will give the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in picture story, using one hundred and fifty fine views, by the aid of a high class stereopticon, in Y. M. C. A. Hall to-night at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Hazlett has been a resident of St. Louis for thirteen years; has traveled extensively over the Louisiana Purchase territory, and his lecture will be of great interest to those expecting to attend the exposition. The same picture story will be given at 3 P. M. on Monday.

The bodies of the boys and girls, who attended the Woman's College will attend in a body and a large number of other students will be present.

Dr. Hazlett will give his illustrated lecture on "What God Loves" at the men's meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Service begins promptly at 8 o'clock. Mr. Joseph P. White will lead the singing. The Virginia Glee Club and Mrs. C. T. Brengle will sing. The boys will meet in the reading room at 3 o'clock; the conversational Bible class at 5:30. The song service will be held at 4:45. All men are cordially invited.

WILL PROBABLY UNSEAT SMOOT. Believed That Senate Committee Will Recommend This Course.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate Committee on Elections will begin consideration of the case of Senator Smoot to-morrow, Senator Beveridge, of the committee, said to-day that he did not anticipate that the committee would do more to-morrow than open the case, but that it would undoubtedly continue the investigation perhaps every day until disposed of.

There is a very general belief that the committee will recommend the unseating of Smoot. This action will be based so much on the protests which have been received from the various church organizations of the country as on the conviction of many of the senators that no man should hold office in the government who puts fidelity to his church above his allegiance to the people.

Senator Daniel and Senator Martin have each said that if the contents of Senator Dula's affidavit be correct, that the oath taken by Mr. Smoot, as an apostle of the Mormon Church, says in terms of effect that it is to be regarded as more binding than the one he took to support the Constitution, they will vote to unseat him.

There is some humor in the situation in which Senator Smoot finds himself at present. Some time ago he held in the course of an interview that it was untrue and absurd to say that he regarded his oath as a Mormon apostle more binding than his oath of office. This all sounded mighty well, but when the interview was read in Salt Lake City, it created a storm. The head of the Mormon Church, says in an interview that he was shocked and surprised that Apostle Smoot should regard the oath of his ecclesiastical office that it should be considered more sacred than any he could take.

It is expected that Miss Helen Gould, who has taken an active part in the crusade against Smoot, will come to Washington, and perhaps appear before the committee in opposition to his retaining his seat.

DEITRICH DISMISSED

Nolle Pros Entered in Case Against United States Senator From Nebraska.

NOT SENATOR AT THE TIME

Had Not Qualified Nor Taken Oath of Office as Member of the Senate.

(By Associated Press.)

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 8.—The trial of Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged bribery, in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Hastings, Neb., came to an abrupt end to-day, when the United States Circuit Court, Judge Van Deventer presiding, decided that Dietrich was not a senator at the time the alleged acts occurred. The opinion was a lengthy one, and is said to be a precedent. Upon this decision, District Attorney Summers entered a nolle in other cases against the senator, with the statement that the construction placed on the law by the court precluded further proceedings against either Senator Dietrich or Postmaster Fisher, both of whom were discharged.

District Attorney Summers stated to the court that the government had not, with its knowledge, ever placed a man on trial on what might be termed a technical violation of the law. He said that under the construction placed upon section 1781, Dietrich had enjoyed the lease but a short time after he had become a United States senator, that is after taking the oath. He said that although he had received rentals from April 24th to December 2d, 1901.

"I would not," said the district attorney, "ask a jury to return a verdict of guilty against a man under any circumstances unless I believed such verdict to be in the interest of justice."

NOLLE ENTERED. The court therefore, on motion of the district attorney, entered a nolle to the indictment, which cleared the docket of the cases against Dietrich and Fisher.

In his opinion, Judge Vandeventer said: "The two houses of Congress, under the Constitution, are the only judges of who shall sit as members of their respective bodies. The district attorney has admitted that there was no session of Congress from March 28, the date of the election by the Legislature of Senator Dietrich, and December 2, the date of the convening of Congress. Until the later date, there could be no question as to his actual membership in the body, and he could qualify before that time until that time. Until then it was not known when he would be permitted to enter upon his duties as a United States senator and as the representative of the people of Nebraska before that body."

The opinion then defines the meaning of members-elect, ex-members and members of Congress, and closes: "Our opinion, therefore, is that the defendant, Charles H. Dietrich, was not a senator at the time of the acts charged in this indictment within the inhibition of this statute. The jury is instructed to find a verdict of not guilty."

Immediately the verdict was ordered read, the district attorney, Mr. Summers, announced that he wished to enter a nolle in the case of Jacob Fisher, postmaster at Hastings.

THE FUNERAL OF RUTH CLEVELAND

(By Associated Press.)

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 8.—The funeral of Ruth Cleveland, who died yesterday of diphtheria, was held at the family residence at 10 o'clock this morning. The service was brief and simple, and was conducted by the Rev. Maitland Bartlett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The interment in the Princeton cemetery was held at 2 P. M.

Among the hundreds of messages of condolence from friends was one from President Roosevelt. Former President Cleveland and Dr. Bryan, of New York, and the remains were taken to Kenton, where the interment will take place to-day.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE PRISON

(By Associated Press.)

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—Charles Brooks, an inmate of the New Jersey State prison, is dead. Center Keeper John Fitzgerald has a bullet in his hip and Wm. J. Harney, a deputy keeper, is injured.

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suffering from scalp wounds as the result of Brooks' attempt to escape from the institution to-day. It will require a post-mortem examination to determine whether Brooks died from being shot or from strangulation in an attempt to commit suicide after he had been taken to the doctor.

Brooks to-day was polishing brass in one of the wings when he turned on Harney and struck the keeper over the head three times. Harney was made unconscious and Brooks, grabbing the deputy's revolver, started for the center of the prison. Brooks shot at postmaster Fisher, and a number of shots were fired at Brooks by other keepers. He was finally overpowered.

SEABOARD SURGEONS.

Dr. J. M. Burke, of Petersburg, Is Chosen President.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Jan. 8.—Surgeons who serve the Seaboard Air Line are meeting here in convention. Dr. W. L. Stanley, claim agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters at Portsmouth, Va., presided. Dr. J. D. Love delivered the address of welcome, and Dr. J. W. Palmer, of Georgia, responded.

The morning session was devoted to the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. A number of papers were read during the afternoon. Officers were elected as follows:

Dr. J. M. Burke, of Petersburg, Va., president.

Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Abbeville, S. C., vice-president.

Dr. H. E. Palmer, Tallahassee, Fla., second vice-president.

Dr. J. V. Bryant, of Franklin, Va., fourth vice-president.